

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Curbside Collection Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Maintaining a safe environment is a top priority for the ECUA. We're very aware that if household chemicals are not disposed of properly, environmental problems may develop, and the costs to contain or remediate the situation can be very high. We're intent on protecting our drinking water source and local waterways, and keeping chemicals from our wastewater treatment plants, whose purpose is not to treat these chemicals.

Furthermore, HHW in garbage cans can leak and become a fire hazard, sometimes igniting in the garbage truck. This can be a danger to our drivers and others on the road.

Question: How can I participate in the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Curbside Collection Program?

Answer: As an ECUA residential Sanitation customer, this program is part of your residential sanitation service. Simply call and request a pick-up of HHW items. ECUA crews will pick-up the items once per month on the 1st Saturday of the month following your request. A HHW contractor will then take the hazardous items from the ECUA crews and transport the materials to a designated and safe disposal area.

Question: What do I have to do to prepare the items for pick-up?

Answer: It's a quick and easy process. When you call-in to request a HHW pick-up (476-0480), our Customer Service Representative (CSR) will provide instructions on how and where to place the hazardous items for collection. They'll ask you to label the contents of the container, if the material is not already in a factory container, and to make sure any liquids are in sealed, non-leaking containers. Dry items (such as fertilizer, etc.) should be placed in a plastic garbage bag for protection against the elements.

Question: What Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Items Will Be Accepted?

Answer: The most common hazardous items accepted are, but not limited to, the following:

Pool Chemicals	Household Chemicals	Paint & Supplies
Degreasers	Used Motor Oil	Used Cooking Grease
Pesticides	Cleaners	Automotive Fluids
Aerosol Cans	Adhesives	Fluorescent Bulbs
Herbicides	Fertilizers	Ammunition
Acids	Kerosene	Gasoline
Diesel Fuel		

Question: What Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Items **Will NOT** Be Accepted?

Answer: These are the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items that ECUA will not accept:

Mercury & Items Containing Mercury	Radioactive Materials
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